

**MINUTES**  
**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING**  
**General Session**  
**October 10, 2008**  
**Sun Valley, Idaho**

President Baker called the General Session of the business meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Idaho State Bar to order at 8:35 a.m. In addition to President Baker in attendance for the meeting were Commissioners Newal Squyres, Doug Mushlitz, Jim Meservy, and Deborah Ferguson, Bar Counsel Brad Andrews, Deputy Executive Director Terri Muse, Deputy Bar Counsel Julia Crossland, and Executive Director Diane Minnich, who acted as the secretary.

**YOUNG LAWYERS SECTION**

YLS Section officers Chris Christensen and Brian Wonderlich joined the meeting to request the Commissioners attend the next Governing Council meeting. The Section is sponsoring the March 2009 issue of The Advocate and plans to include interviews with the Commissioners.

**ALPS**

Jordan Lind of ALPS joined the meeting to discuss ALPS malpractice insurance and the Idaho Health Benefits Trust.

**ANNUAL MEETING**

The Commission discussed the Annual Meeting successes, challenges and future locations. The staff agreed to prepare historical financial and attendance statistics for a future discussion regarding the Annual Meeting schedule, events and locations.

**MINUTES**

It was moved, seconded and passed to approve the general session minutes of the September 5 meeting as submitted.

**RESOLUTION MEETINGS**

The Commission discussed the agenda and topics for discussion at the resolutions meetings. The Commission agreed that, as time permits, the following topics would be discussed at the resolution meetings: Pro Bono Commission – Commissioner Squyres; Annual Meeting – Commissioner Ferguson; Future Fee Increase – Commissioner Mushlitz; Health Benefits Trust – Commissioner Meservy; Member Services and Judicial Fairness as part of President Baker's introductory remarks.

The Commissioners will be responsible for the Professionalism and Retiring Judges award presentations in their districts.

**RETREAT FOLLOWUP**

The Commission reviewed the notes from the September 2008 retreat. The Commission instructed the Executive Director to request a financial report on the Bellwood Lecture prior to the law school visit. It was moved, seconded and passed to request the Bellwood lecture historical information and the financial report from the law school prior to the law school visit.

The Commission discussed the 2008 law school visit. The Commission again stressed their interest in having a more informal meeting with students.

## **LEGAL INTERNS**

The Commission was provided with letters regarding legal interns and issues that the University of Idaho has with legal intern rules and process. The Commission discussed how to improve the process and rules to be more efficient for the law school. The Executive Director and Bar Counsel will include the letters and issues in the materials for the Admission Rules Review Committee to review. The staff also agreed to discuss the issues more specifically with the law school administration.

## **ROCKY MOUNTAIN MINERAL LAW FOUNDATION APPOINTMENT**

The Commission discussed an opening on the Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation Board of Trustees to be filled by the Idaho State Bar. The current member, Gary Babbit, resigned from the Board of Trustees. After discussion, the Commission decided to ask William Meyers if he would serve on the Board of Trustees of the Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation as the ISB appointee.

## **NATIONAL SUMMIT OF FAIR AND IMPARTIAL STATE COURTS**

The Commission discussed attendance at the ABA National Summit of Fair and Impartial State Courts. The Executive Director agreed to contact Administrative Director of the Courts, Patti Tobias, about the Court's involvement and attendance at the conference.

## **COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT**

The Executive Director reported that the Idaho Federal Court Deputy Clerk Shannon Fuller was willing to serve as a non lawyer member of the Client Assistance Fund Committee. It was moved, seconded and passed to appoint Shannon Fuller to the Client Assistance Fund Committee.

**INTERNATIONAL LAW SECTION** – Deputy Executive Director Terri Muse provided the Commission with a memo regarding the first meeting of the new International Law Section. It was moved, seconded and passed to approve the ISB International Section bylaws as submitted by the section.

**PRACTICE SECTION UPDATE** – The Commission was provided with information on section activity for the past few months.

## **FINANCIAL REPORT**

The Commission was provided with the September 30 financial reports. As of September 30, 91.37% of revenue was collected and 75% of expenses incurred.

There being no further business, the General Session adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane K. Minnich  
Executive Director

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**General Session – Meeting with Idaho Judicial Council**  
**October 8, 2008**

President Baker called the General Session of the business meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Idaho State Bar to order at 9:00 a.m. In addition to President Baker in attendance for the meeting were Commissioners Newal Squyres, Doug Mushlitz, Jim Meservy, and Deborah Ferguson, Bar Counsel Brad Andrews, Deputy Bar Counsel Julia Crossland, and Executive Director Diane Minnich, who acted as the secretary.

**Judicial Council Report** – At 9:00 a.m. Judicial Council Members Judge Ronald Wilper and William Parsons, and Robert Hamlin, Judicial Council Executive Director, joined the meeting to report on the activities of the Judicial Council for the past year.

The group discussed the lack of candidates for District Judge positions. Mr. Hamlin reported the Court had recently formed a committee to address this issue. The Committee plans to work with the bar and its members to encourage lawyers to apply for district judgeships.

**General Session – Meeting with the District Bar Presidents**  
**October 9, 2008**

President Baker called the General Session of the business meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Idaho State Bar to order at 7:45 a.m. In addition to President Baker in attendance for the meeting were Commissioners Newal Squyres, Doug Mushlitz, Jim Meservy, and Deborah Ferguson, Bar Counsel Brad Andrews, Deputy Executive Director Terri Muse, Deputy Bar Counsel Julia Crossland, and Executive Director Diane Minnich, who acted as the secretary.

**Resolution Process**

The Commission was joined by the following district bar representatives: First District – Peter Smith, Second District – Paul Clark, Third District – Ted Fleming, Fourth District – Kelli Ketlinski (by phone) Fifth District – Phil Brown, Sixth District – Judge Mitch Brown, Seventh District – Scott Axline. The group discussed the resolution process and meetings. The group then reviewed and considered three resolutions proposed by attorney Stephen Blackburn. The first proposed resolution would prohibit lawyers from advertising a particular settlement or verdict. After discussion, it was moved, seconded and passed by unanimous vote not to submit the proposed advertising resolution to the 2008 resolution process. The second proposed resolution would eliminate reciprocal admission. After discussion, it was moved, seconded and passed by unanimous vote not to submit the proposed reciprocal admission resolution to the 2008 resolution process. The third proposed resolution would require all lawyers admitted reciprocally to sit for the Idaho bar exam. After discussion, it was moved, seconded and passed by unanimous vote not to submit the proposed reciprocal admission resolution to the 2008 resolution process.

The group then discussed the agenda for the resolution meetings, which will include an update on the group health insurance program and reports on other bar related issues.

**District Bar Reports** – Each District Bar President provided a brief report on the activities and programs of their respective districts.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane K. Minnich  
Executive Director